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U.S. & Italy nix any deal to save the general's life

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Rome (UPI)—The United States and Italy will not negotiate with the Red Brigades terrorists who kidnaped U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James Dozier, Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini said yesterday.

Spadolini spoke as police studied a Red Brigades photograph of the 50-year-old general to determine if it was genuine and as investigators reported that there was evidence that Dozier, a Vietnam veteran trained to resist interrogation, was refusing to cooperate with his captors.

At the same time, authorities in the northern city of Verona, where Dozier was kidnaped on Dec. 17, offered a reward of \$833,000—one billion lire—for information leading to his release.

"The American and Italian governments are in complete agreement in following a line of inflexibility and firmness," Spadolini said at a press conference. "There will be no negotiations."

THE PRIME MINISTER also confirmed that intelligence agencies from several nations, including the U.S. and West Germany, were helping in the case.

The general's wife, Judith, thanked those who sent her messages of sympathy.

"Your demonstrations of affection and solidarity have given a bit of comfort and warmth to our hearts," Mrs. Dozier said.

On Monday night, she told the police that the photograph of her hus-

band released Sunday by the Red Brigades seemed to be genuine.

But police are not convinced that the photograph is genuine, and said that a placard containing Red Brigades slogans apparently held up by the general seemed to have been added to the picture later in a photographic laboratory.

THEY ALSO NOTED that the photograph was not made with an instant camera as others in the past have been, and that copies of the picture distributed in various parts of Italy were different.

Investigators said that the differences could mean that Dozier was not cooperating with his captors and that the Red Brigades might have had to add the placard artificially because the general refused to hold it.

Police continued to man roadblocks throughout northern Italy, and despite heavy snows in the area pressed their house-to-house search in towns near the Austrian frontier. Police said that some search teams had to use snowshoes to get around.

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